

The Humble  
**ADDRESS**

Of the Right Honourable the  
Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In Parliament Assembled :

Die Lunae 18 Martii 1705.

PRESENTED TO

**HER MAJESTY**

WITH

**Her Majesties**

MOST GRACIOUS

**ANSWER.**

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# ADDRESSES

Lords Spiritual and Temporal

Die Lunæ 18 Martii, 1705.

**I**t is Ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England, do give Order, That the Address of this House, of the Fourteenth Instant; Presented to Her Majesty, and Her Majesties most Gracious Answer thereunto, shall be forthwith Printed and Published.

Math. Johnson,  
Clerk Parliamentor

AND

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*The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable  
Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled*

*Die Jovis 14 Martii, 1705:*



**WE** Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, Do humbly Beg Leave to Acquaint Your Majesty:

*That the Lord Bishop of Chester has Presented to the House a Petition from himself, and the Gentry and Clergy of the South Part of Lancashire, Complaining of the Intolerable Boldness and Sumption of the Romish Priests and Papists, in Imploying all the veigling Arts and Devices in Perverting and Seducing the Gentry and Commonalty, and that not only Secretly, but Openly and Publicly, in Defiance of the Laws: That their Priests are Numerous; their Masses frequent; their People go Affectedly in Troops; they Marry without Licence or Publication; they Visit Protestants when Sick or Dying, in Order to Pervert them; they Throw out Ill Language against the Church and Government; and Spread False Reports and Scandalous Reflections upon the Orthodox Clergy; and have Built a Stately Edifice, which, as the Petitioners had good Reason to Believe, is intended for a Seminary; and several Lands have been Settled for the Endowment of that and other Places: That the Popish Gentry are Assistant to the Priests in their Perversions; and to Insinuate themselves into Protestant Families, Catch at all Opportunities to Marry among them, whereby they have Proselyted many of the Gentry.*

Such open Insolence shewn by People, so Obnoxious to the Laws, in the midst of a War, in which Your Majesty is Engaged against the French, the Declared Protector of One of the Popish Religion, who openly Pretends Title to Your Majesties Crown, does not only Raise in us a just Indignation but makes us think it absolutely Necessary for the safety of Your Majesties Person and Government, That a more Watchful Eye should be had of them for the future, and for that purpose, That a Distinct and Particular count should be taken of all Papists and reputed Papists in the Kingdom, their respective Qualities, Estates, and Places of Abode.

We do therefore most humbly Beseech Your Majesty, That You would be graciously pleas'd, to send Directions to the several Lords Lieutenants and Councilors Rotulorum of the several Counties and Places, to cause all the Deputy-Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace of the respective Counties and Places to Assemble together, and being so Assembled, there to Agree of the most proper Means to Subdivide themselves into several Divisions, for the more effectual Perfor-



aid Service within such Subdivisions; And that at such General Meeting, account be taken distinctly of the Names of the several Justices and Deputy-Lieutenants designed for the said several Subdivisions; And that the several Justices of Peace and Deputy-Lieutenants should, under their several Hands, return a Particular Account in Writing of what they shall Perform in the said several Subdivisions; Which the said Lords Lieutenants and Custodes Rotulorum Return to Your Majesty in Council, together with the Names of every one of the Deputy-Lieutenants and Justices of Peace, who did Neglect or refuse to Perform their Duties in relation to that Service.

And to the End the said Account may be the more Exact and Useful, We humbly Beseech Your Majesty to send Your Royal Commands to the Arch-Bishops, requiring them to Issue Orders to all the Bishops, in their respective Dioceses, Directing them to require the Clergy in their several Dioceses, to return an Exact and Particular Account of the Numbers of the Papists and recusant Papists in every Parish, with their Qualities, Estates, and Places of Abode, and to Return the same to their respective Diocesans, who shall return the same to their several Arch-Bishops, in Order to be Laid before Your Majesty. And We do also Desire Your Majesty will be pleas'd to Direct, That the Arch-Bishops do require the Bishops in their several Dioceses, to Proceed against such Clergy, as shall Refuse or Neglect to do their Duty in respect to the said Service, according to the utmost Severity of Law; And also to Return the Names of the Clergy, who shall be defective in Performing the said Service, in Order that the same may be Laid before Your Majesty.

And we farther Beseech Your Majesty to Command the Arch-Bishops, to require the Bishops, by all proper Ways and Means, to Inform themselves of what Advowsons, or Rights of Presentation or Donation of Churches, Benefices or Schools, are in the Disposition of any Papists or reputed Papists, or in Trust for them, and to Return what they shall find, particularly and distinctly, to the Arch-Bishops, to the Intent the same may be Represented to Your Majesty.

And Lastly, We most humbly Desire Your Majesty, That you will be graciously pleas'd to cause the several Accounts of all these Enquiries to be laid before this House at the next Session of Parliament.

Her MAJESTIES most Gracious ANSWER.  
Most fully Convinced, That the Insolent Behaviour of the Papists, hath made what you Advise Necessary to be done, for the Safety of My Person and Government, and the Welfare of My People.  
Thank you for your Care in this Matter, and will give, as soon as possible, the necessary Orders for every Thing you Desire of Me in this Address.

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